Special paid leave for female employees for miscarriage

3629. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Airlines grant special paid leave for its female employees for miscarriage;

(b) if so, what is the number of days allowed under such leave;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the privilege is provided to the female employees of Air India?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The types of leave presently admissible are considered adequate.

(d) No, Sir.

Purchasing by Indian Airlines from other than Government agencies

3630. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines is purchasing the canteen items from the agencies other than the Government/Semi Government agencies like Super Bazar, NAFED etc.;

(b) if so, which are these agencies and what are the terms and conditions for the purchase from them;

(c) what are the reasons for not calling tender for the supply of these items; and

(d) what are the criteria for selecting the suppliers at present?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Purchase of canteen items are generally made from Government/Semi Govrenment agencies. When these items are not available with such agencies, purchase from manufacturers, co-operative societies and private suppliers is resorted to. The terms and conditions for purchase vary depending on the items and the mode of purchase.

(c) and (d) Except in cases where the quantity of purchase is very small, tenders are called and suppliers selected after considering aspects such as competitiveness of rates, quality, supplying capacity etc.

Losses incurred by Hotel Brahmaputra Ashoka

3631. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hotel Brahmaputra Ashoka in Guwahati is incurring heavy losses;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to sell out this ITDC Hotel to private entrepreneurs;

(c) what is the amount of loss incurred by this Hotel during 1991-92; and

(d) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) Hotel Brahmaputra Ashok, Guwahati, which is a joint venture between ITDC and the State Government, has made operational profits ever since its inception from 7-6-1987. It has however, incurred a loss of Rs. 14.96 lakhs during 1991-92 due to payment of instalments of loan and interest charges. There is no proposal to sell this hotel to private entreprenurs.

Development of Tourism in Rajasthan

3632. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the proposals for promotion of Tourism in Rajasthan